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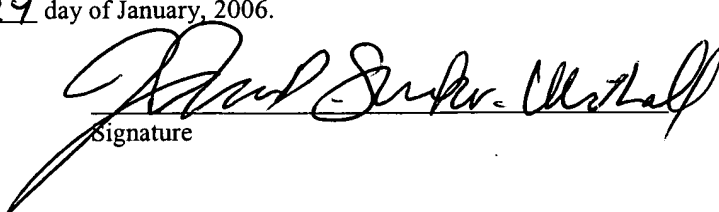
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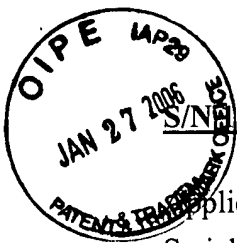
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**COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATION**

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application in the above-identified patent application:

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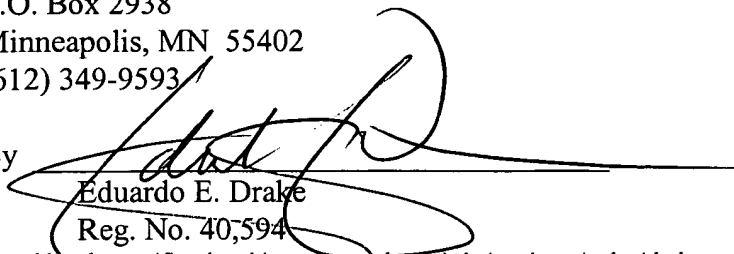
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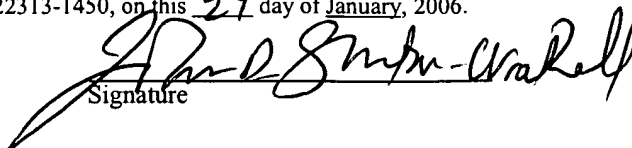
  
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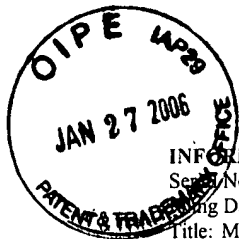
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Several of the attached documents were discovered as a result of a Search Report and a Supplementary European Search report in Applicants' corresponding foreign patent application. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the cited documents and the Search Reports.

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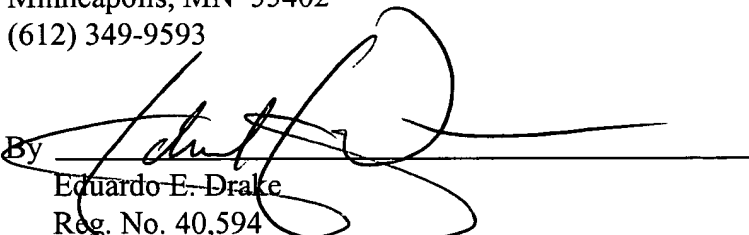
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), Applicant believes that copies of cited U.S. Patents and Published Applications are no longer required to be provided to the Office. Notification of this change was provided in the United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notices dated October 12, 2004. Thus, Applicant has not included copies of any US Patents or Published Applications cited with this submission. Should the Office require copies to be provided, Applicant respectfully requests that notice of such requirement be directed to Applicant's below-signed representative. Applicant acknowledges the requirement to submit copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

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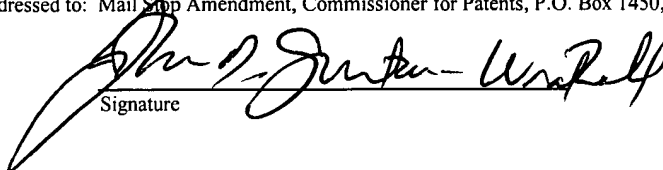
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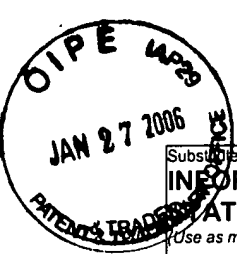
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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